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LOOKS LIKE OUR FIRST CUSTOMER IS HERE...

Welcome to the grand opening of yet another edition of **Comico Attractions!** This time around, we will preview *two* new titles joining the Comico roster.

Let's begin with our back cover, featuring the wacky and wonderful **Trollords.** For those new to the world of great funnybooks, **Trollords** was originally published in black-and-white by its creators **Scott Beaderstadt, Paul Fricke,** and **Len Strazewski.** During its fifteen-issue run, it was hailed as one of the funniest, most heartwarming, and most totally entertaining comic books by almost every critic and trade publication in sight!

Next month, Comico is happy to present **Trollords** in an all-new, all-color, bimonthly series. That's right — all-new adventures starring Larry, Harry, Jerry, and their adorable human sidekick Kelly will begin in November. With the woes of self-publishing behind them, Scott, Paul, and Len are turning out some of their best work *ever!*

Meanwhile, November is also "be kind to **Elementals** fans month," as Comico releases a 160-page trade paperback titled **Elementals: The Natural Order,** by creator/writer/artist **Bill Willingham.** This handsome edition reprints (for the very first time *ever*) the debut saga of one of the most popular super-teams in recent history! Not only are the first five issues of the original Comico series found here, but also the very first appearance of the team, which up until now could only be found in the extremely rare and expensive *Justice Machine Annual #1,* in which it originally appeared. Sporting an all-new cover by **Willingham,** this edition also features the works of such fine talents as **Rich Rankin, Bill Anderson, Keith Wilson,** and many others. Look for it!

On to the next case! The clues are as follows: 32 color pages written by **Mike W. Barr** and illustrated by newcomer **Adam Hughes** and **Rick Magyar;** people dusting for fingerprints; published monthly; corpses galore; stars Jennifer Mays and Gabriel Webb; lots of magnifying glasses! Give up? Why, it's **The MAZE Agency,** of course, featured here on our front cover, and set to make its debut in December! Indeed, Comico is proud to present the latest creation of fan-favorite writer **Mike W. Barr,** well known for his critically acclaimed *Batman: Son of the Demon* graphic novel and his fine scripts for *Detective Comics,* both from DC Comics.

This is Mike's pet project, *the* series he's always wanted to do! It's been lovingly cradled into every stage of development, and it touts the carefully hand-picked art team of hot new penciller **Adam Hughes** and established inker **Rick** *(The Question)* **Magyar,** as well as letterer **Deborah Marks** and colorist **Julia Lacquement.** Now it's ready for you to enjoy . . . and enjoy you *will!* As the saying goes, it's "a love story about detectives, a detective story about love." This all-new series stars Jennifer Mays, owner of the New York-based MAZE Agency, who, with the assistance of true crime writer — and hopeful romantic interest — Gabe Webb, solves the most unsolvable of crimes! Mike promises that this series will feature whodunits in which the reader is challenged to solve the mysteries along with Jennifer and Gabe! Since the detective genre is currently much-neglected in comics, **The MAZE Agency** is a welcome addition to our line. Pick up issue #1 in December!

Comico also has two other hot books to warm up your leftover turkey sandwiches and take the bite out of the cold December frost! As you've already heard, Gumby's back in the all-new **Gumby's Winter Fun Special,** by **Steve (Sam and Max: Freelance Police) Purcell** and **Arthur** *(Longshot/X-Men)* **Adams!** This is Gumby — everyone's favorite clay boy, and he's got his good friend Pokey on board for a whole new adventure filled with weirdness! There's a cave-in threatening the lives of several puppet miners, and our heroes heed the call and are off to the rescue! Aboard Pokey's Jules Verne-style digging device, their unusual mission lands them in the fiery pits of . . . *Heck?*! It's the perfect follow-up to last year's critically acclaimed, award-nominated series, and a sure-fire fun book for readers of all ages!

Another sure-fire hit is the all-new **Comico Christmas Special #1!** This forty-page color comic is written by newcomer **Doug Wheeler** and illustrated by some of the best talents in the biz! It's a compilation of five different Yuletide tales, from heartwarming to hilarious, and from futuristic to current-day slice-of-life! Artists featured include **Steve** *(Nexus/***Space Ghost) Rude, Al Williamson, Tim (Grendel) Mireault, Bill (Elementals) Willingham,** and **Chris** *(The American)* **Warner.** The quality of these stories, combined with the incredible line-up of talent, ensures that **Comico Christmas Special #1** is going to be an instant hit! Of course, the beautiful front cover by **Dave (The Rocketeer) Stevens** isn't gonna hurt sales on the book, either! That's right — a **Dave Stevens** cover! It's the perfect Christmas stocking stuffer! In fact, all three of Comico's new December titles will make perfect holiday gifts!

Also in December, **The Fish Police #14** by **Steve Moncuse** hits the comics racks, as Steve continues to tell his "tail" in his bimonthly, color series! This issue has Inspector Gill and Rey on the run with irate landladies hot on their heels . . . flippers . . . er . . . well, you know what I mean! Anyway, it's as funny as ever and well worth the cover price! And don't miss the **Fish Shticks** back-up by **Stan** *(Usagi Yojimbo)* **Sakai!** Also, the rest of our line in December is none-too-shabby, either! **Matt Wagner's Grendel** continues to be the most compelling series of the decade, and gets further out on that cutting edge this month (and next . . .)!

Our current mini-series, **Jezebel Jade** and **Ginger Fox,** both conclude in December. We also bid a fond farewell to our **Jonny Quest** series, ending in December. On behalf of all of us here at Comico central, we would like to thank all of our fans for the support they gave the **Quest** series — and, most importantly, we'd like to thank **William Messner-Loebs** for breathing new life into these characters, as well as **Marc Hempel, Mark Wheatley,** and **Kathryn Mayer** for the fantastic job they did in interpreting those characters on the printed page! A job well done, which resulted in making **Jonny Quest** one of Comico's most highly acclaimed titles! Don't miss the last issue of the series — it's JQ #31, and it ties up a lot of the continuity from over the last three years, including one very special question that Benton Quest has been meaning to ask for quite some time now!

As we say good-bye, we say hello… hello to a **Sam and Max: Freelance Police Special** by **Steve Purcell!** It's a forty-page, color one-shot that features *the* most bizarro characters ever! Follow the wildest funny animal team since "moose and squirrel," as "dog and bunny" blast off on a mondo road trip, traveling anywhere and everywhere they want to go! Better buckle up, 'cause these two don't believe in stop signs! Look for it in the early part of '89.

More info on these titles and other nifty stuff from Comico will appear in the next edition of **Comico Attractions,** also due out in December!

Just trying to be,
Bob Schreck
Administrative Director

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GRENDEL #25
JUSTICE MACHINE #23
TROLLORDS #1

Shipping November 8th, 1988

ELEMENTALS Trade Paperback #1: The Natural Order
GINGER FOX #3
JEZEBEL JADE #2

Shipping November 15th, 1988

JONNY QUEST #30
ROBOTECH The Macross Saga #33

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Shipping December 6th, 1988

COMICO CHRISTMAS SPECIAL #1: *This 40-page special features five traditional and not-so-traditional yuletide tales, all written by* ***Doug Wheeler.*** *Ranging from current day slice-of-life snow shoveling to futuristic alien expeditions, each tale is illustrated by a different artist or art team, including:* ***Steve Rude, Al Williamson, Tim Sale, Bernie Mireault, Ken Holewczynski, Chris Warner,*** *and* ***Bill Willingham!*** *Heartwarming and hilarious, it also sports a beautiful cover by* ***Dave Stevens!***

THE FISH POLICE #14: *While Oscar searches the reefs for Gill, the Inspector himself gets a lesson on the female of the species (pick one!), and, most importantly, is confronted with his toughest challenge to date — a bloodthirsty landlady on the rampage for back rent! Story and art by* ***Steve Moncuse,*** *with color by* ***Trishie Schutz.*** *Plus: a* ***Fish Shticks*** *back-up by* ***Moncuse*** *and* Usagi Yojimbo *creator/artist* ***Stan Sakai,*** *with color by* ***Tom Luth.***

GRENDEL #26: *Meet Eppy — he's developed a real hate/hate relationship with God and a real passion for Grendel. Meanwhile, Pellon Cross of C.O.P. begins to unravel Assante's plans, while in service to Pope Innocent XLII. "Devil's Tracks" is written by* ***Matt Wagner,*** *pencilled by* ***Jay Geldhof,*** *inked by* ***John K. Snyder,*** *and features hand-painted color by* ***Joe Matt.*** *This issue contains adult themes and harsh language. Parental guidance is suggested.*

JUSTICE MACHINE #24: *Part six, the penultimate chapter in the Earth/Georwell War, finds Youthquake in the hands of the enemy, as Washington, D.C. and London, England become bloody battlegrounds. "Burnout" is scripted by* ***Doug Murray,*** *pencilled by JM creator* ***Mike Gustovich,*** *inked by* ***Dell Barras,*** *and colored by* ***Ken Feduniewicz.***

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GINGER FOX #4: *Ginger quits Peppertree Studios! Desmond Grade is in up to his neck and sinking fast! Jason returns from his European fling only to find he's taken a back seat to someone else! Ginger's son Huck has a surprise planned for everyone, and we finally get to see the studio's top-secret "critter"! All at a breakneck pace, "Chapter Red," the exciting conclusion to this four-issue miniseries, is written by* ***Mike Baron*** *and pencilled, inked, and colored by the* ***Pander Bros.*** *Contains harsh language and adult themes.*

JEZEBEL JADE #3: *It's the kicker-conclusion to this three-issue miniseries, wherein we find Race Bannon and Jezebel Jade at quest's end, among the Bones of Galahad. Dr. Zin threatens to destroy all of Hong Kong and the dead walk again, as Lily Martell returns for another round! It's Jade against the world for possession of the serum that promises immortality! "The Speech of Bones" is written by* ***William Messner-Loebs,*** *and pencilled, inked, painted, and lettered by* ***Adam Kubert.***

The MAZE Agency #1: *The premiere issue of an all-new monthly series, created and written by fan-favorite* ***Mike W. Barr,*** *introduces New York's prettiest private detective, Jennifer Mays, and true crime writer Gabriel Webb in "The Adventure of the Rogue's Gallery"! It's the most unusual art heist ever — someone is stealing the frames and leaving the paintings behind! Each issue of the series is a self-contained fair-play whodunit, challenging the reader to solve the mystery as it unfolds, by deciphering a series of intricately laid clues. Created and written by* ***Barr,*** *this series also debuts the hot new art team of penciller* ***Adam Hughes*** *and inker* ***Rick Magyar,*** *with coloring by* ***Julia Lacquement.***

Shipping December 20th, 1988

COMICO ATTRACTIONS #16: *Presenting a sneak peek at* ***Steve Purcell's Sam and Max: Freelance Police Special*** *and Comico's all-new color series,* ***The Trouble With Girls,*** *by* ***Gerard Jones, Will Jacobs,*** *and* ***Tim Hamilton.*** *Plus: information on lots of new projects for 1989!*

GUMBY'S WINTER FUN SPECIAL #1: *He's wacky, he's wild, he's . . . Gumby! And he's back, starring in this all-new 40-page adventure with his trusty old sidekick, Pokey! In this follow-up to last year's Eisner and Harvey Award-nominated special, our two clay heroes find themselves on a rescue mission that takes them deep into the Earth's core and straight to "Heck"! There they discover Beelzebub's plans to put an end to Christmas forever! Yikes, somebody do something . . . quick! Written by* ***Steve*** (Sam and Max: Freelance Police) ***Purcell*** *and illustrated by fan-favorite* ***Arthur Adams,*** *it's a guaranteed good time for young and old alike!*

JONNY QUEST #31: *This critically acclaimed series concludes with another fine story titled "Social Work," by* ***William Messner-Loebs.*** *Kathy Martin takes Jonny and Hadji with her to see what her "typical" work day is like. It's not easy to find jobs for the homeless and unemployable, or to avoid bad press as Kathy inadvertently turns an old woman out of her home. And negotiating with gangs of street toughs is all in a day's work!* ***Jonny Quest*** *completists won't want to miss this issue as Benton pops a very important question! It's a perfect ending to a perfect series! Artwork by* ***Marc Hempel, Mark Wheatley,*** *and* ***Kathryn Mayer.***

ROBOTECH The Macross Saga #34: *Just when it looks like Rick and Lisa might finally get it together, Rick screws up again by leaving Lisa holding the picnic basket so that he can make a last-minute rendezvous with Minmei! Sparks fly when Lisa finally meets up with Rick, still wearing the scarf that Minmei gave him! "Private Time" is scripted by* ***Markalan Joplin,*** *pencilled by* ***Mike Leeke,*** *inked by* ***Mike Chen,*** *and colored by* ***Kurt Mausert.***

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